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Many People Put Away Their Personal Belongings as a Red Squirrel Stotes Butternuts and Never Finds Them Again Except by Accident

## VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDES OVER CABINET MEET

Acts on Request of President Wilson  
MAKES NEW PRECEDENT  
No Other Vice President, According to Records, Ever Presided at a Cabinet Session.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Vice President Marshall presided over today's cabinet meeting, at the request of President Wilson, who is enroute to Europe and set, according to the White House staff, a new precedent in the conduct of American executive affairs. No other vice president, so far as records show, ever presided at a cabinet session.

In taking his seat, Mr. Marshall set at rest any theories that he might be acting as President. He said he was attending the gathering "informally and impersonally, not undertaking to exercise any official duty or function."

This summary of his statement was given out at the White House. "In assuming the chair and presiding over what is known as a meeting of the cabinet, I deem it proper to make a brief statement so that my conduct need not be misunderstood or misinterpreted. I am here and am acting in obedience to the request of the President upon the eve of his departure and also at your request, but I am here informally, and personally. I am not undertaking to exercise any of the duties or functions of the President. I shall preside in an unofficial and informal way over your meetings out of deference to your desire and those of the President."

Before going to the White House, Mr. Marshall explained that the President before departing for Europe had asked him to preside at the cabinet meetings and had repeated the request by wireless from the George Washington.

No business requiring the attention of the President developed. It was said, and the wireless carried no message from it to the Presidential ship George Washington.

The cabinet meeting was the last which Secretary McAdoo will attend as he will be succeeded next Monday by Carter Glass. Mr. McAdoo bade farewell to members of the cabinet and attaches of the executive offices although he will remain in Washington until January 1 or until his successor as director general of railroads is appointed.

So far as any one here knows, a vice president never before has presided at a cabinet meeting.

### NOTICE

Bennington County Savings Bank

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bennington County Savings bank will be held at the office of said bank in its bank building in Bennington, Vt., on the first Wednesday 1st day of January, A. D. 1919 at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business found necessary when met especially to fill vacancies in the number of stockholders and to alter and revise the by-laws.

Charles H. Dewey, Secretary, Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 30, 1918.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the County National bank will be held at their banking rooms, Bennington, Vt., on Tuesday, January 7, 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Homer H. Webster, Cashier.

## NOTICE

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### CHILE REFUSES WILSON'S OFFER

She May Accept Argentina As Mediator.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 10.—The reply of Chile to the offer of President Wilson to mediate in the controversy between Chile and Peru is looked upon by Chilean newspapers as a refusal to accept American mediation. The American note said President Wilson "was ready to attend any suggestion made by Chile."

On the other hand, President Irigoyen of Argentina sent a note to Chile in which he said he offered mediation "in order to definitely arrange the Tanco-Africa problem."

Dispatches from Chile indicate there is a tendency in that country to accept the Argentine offer and refuse the American. Chilean statesmen insist that the question should be settled according to the treaty of Antofagasta.

### FORTNIGHTLY PROGRAM

Child Dancer Will Be Feature Saturday.

The Fortnightly club will meet Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, at the Second Congregational chapel at 3 o'clock. The program that has been arranged is entirely different from anything that has ever been presented before the club. Miss Alice Packard Coleman, the little protégée of Mrs. E. C. Packard of Cambridge will entertain the Fortnightly with interpretive and fancy dancing. The following program will be given:

Loir du Bal. Valse a la Mode  
Danse de Pep. Hello Hawaii  
Spanish Dance Espana

Classic Dance  
Interpretation "The Pipes of Pan"  
Rag-time Music Box Rag

Hawaiian Dances

(a) Wailana

(b) Hilo

Egyptian Ballet Dance

Imitation of one-step with her professor when six years of age.

Star Spangled Banner

Several pictures of Little Miss Coleman may be seen in Griswold's window.

She has studied dancing with Russian teachers and her work is said to be excellent.

Guest tickets will be 25 cents.

### FRANK H. CHASE DEAD

Prominent Citizen of North Bennington Victim of Pneumonia.

Frank H. Chase of North Bennington, aged 67 years, passed away early Tuesday morning at the Putnam Memorial hospital after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Chase had many friends and was widely known as he had been a blacksmith here for thirty-five years, moving to this place from Hoosick Corners.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, George of this village and Harry of Peoria, Ill.; also one granddaughter, Miss Vina Chase.

The funeral services will be held from the residence, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. R. Hamlin, interment will be in Grand View cemetery.

### BIG STRIKE IN HAVANA

Street Car Traffic Ceased After Failure of Government Arbitration.

Havana, Dec. 10.—Street car traffic ceased on all lines in this city shortly after midnight as a result of the failure of the government arbitration commission to settle the conflict between the Cuban Railway company and its employees. The strike movement began by the transportation employees will be followed later today by all other union men, according to announcement.

Apparently the second general strike in Cuba within a month is begun. The union of linotypists has voted to join in the general tie-up, and it is possible that Havana again will be without newspapers tonight.

### TO CHANGE MUNITIONS PLANT

Krupps Will Devote Its Energies to Arms of Peace.

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—The directors of Krupps have announced their intention of transforming a big munitions plant into a factory devoted to the arts of peace, says the Cologne Gazette.

### PORTUGUESE DELEGATES OFF

Headed by Minister of Foreign Affairs They Go to Paris.

Lisbon, Sunday, Dec. 8.—Four government delegates, headed by the minister of foreign affairs, have left for France to participate in the discussion preliminary to the peace conference.

### Avoid "Soggy" Cake

With good butter selling from 50c. to 60c. a lb., very few housewives can consider its use in making cakes, pies, etc. Lard is too heavy and greasy. But science now comes to the housewife's aid with Benedict Brand "Sweet Nut" Margarine, a delicious, whole some product made from the white meat of ripe coconuts and churned with pasteurized milk. Nobody can tell the difference between Benedict Brand "Sweet Nut" Margarine and the best creamery butter—they taste and look the same when served, and nourish the body alike. But there's a big difference in price—this coconut milk-churned product is only 33c. a lb., makes a delicious bread spread and is ideal for all cooking purposes. Try this new Nut Butter and save money. You can buy "Sweet Nut" Margarine only at the Direct Importing Co.'s yellow front store, 433 Main St., Bennington where Benedict Brand Tins, Coffees and Grocery Specialties are regaled at wholesale prices. Look out for our store in your town.

## WILSON'S IDEA OF FREE SEAS SUITS BRITAIN

British Now Have Better Understanding of Proposal

### ARE FIRM ON SEA POLICY

British Are Determined Not to Surrender Right of Search, Contraband Law and Right of Blockade.

### PRESERVING MEAT

BY NEW PROCESS

Discovery Will Increase Storage Supply and Do Away With Ice and Salt Process.

New York, Dec. 8.—A new drying process by which meats and fish can be kept indefinitely and then restored to their former state of freshness by the application of water, which, it is believed, will increase the world's meat shipping capacity more than 12 times by doing away with the need for refrigeration has been perfected in the chemical engineering laboratories at Columbia University. It was announced tonight.

"During a period of comprehensive tests," the statement said, "meats that had been dried and kept a year were restored to their fresh state and served in the homes of professors attached to the laboratory. A shipment of 200 pounds was sent to a camp in the South and served to the soldiers. Reports received from the camp state that those who ate the restored meat failed to discover any difference between it and strictly fresh meat."

Hitherto in the shipment of meat and fish it has been necessary to resort to icing, the use of salt or brine, or as in the case of ham and bacon, smoking or treatment with chemicals. By the new process it was asserted, all bone, waste fat and connective tissue are removed from the meat or fish to be treated, leaving 100 per cent food. The meat is then cut into cubes or, in the case of beef, into steaks, placed in a vacuum and subjected to a period drying at a relative low temperature. No other treatment is necessary.

Meat thus dried, it was stated, exhibits no visible or chemical change with the sole exception that all water is removed. The meat also remains free from putrefying germs so that it can be kept indefinitely without refrigeration. Research into the subject was begun more than a year ago at the Harman laboratories at Roosevelt hospital under Dr. K. G. Falk and Dr. F. M. Franklin. After the tests had progressed sufficiently they were transferred to Columbia, where they were perfected with the cooperation of Dr. Ralf H. McKee, professor of chemical engineering.

"It has been recognized for more than three centuries that a nation which is supreme is as much entitled to impose its will militarily on inferior enemies by blockade as a nation stronger on land is able to impose its will militarily on a weaker nation."

"I am sure that Great Britain will not have to say to the Allies at the Peace Conference, 'We shall be quite satisfied with such a definition of freedom of the seas as will enable the British Navy to do exactly what the British Navy, aided by the American Navy, has been doing for the last eighteen months.'"

### COUNT CZERNIN SPEAKS

Former Austro-Hungarian Minister White-washes William.

Vienna, Dec. 9.—Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, in discussing Austria's struggles to end the war, said: "Regarding Emperor William, I feel he did not want war, but he did not know how to get out of it. I believe the Entente heads are wrong, for they probably believe they caused the struggle." "I was minister to Rumania when war began, and I honestly believe no one wanted hostilities to begin. I might explain the fact that war started by saying there was too much diplomatic bluffing, with everyone for the other fellow to recede from his position."

### UNFILLED ORDERS DECREASE

On Books of the United States Steel Corporation on Nov. 30.

New York, Dec. 10.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation on Nov. 30 were 8,124,663 tons, according to the corporation's monthly statement issued today. This is a decrease of 228,538 tons compared with the orders on Oct. 31.

### MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Officials of Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company at Hearing.

New York, Dec. 11.—Timothy W. Hanna, President of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., and four other officials and a motorman were held on the charge of manslaughter by Mayor Hylan, who acting as police magistrate conducted an inquiry in wreck on company's lines last month which cost nearly a hundred lives.

### GOVT. SUPERVISION ENDS

Will Not Fix Steel Prices After December 31.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Government supervision over steel industry and steel price fixing will end December 31. The war industries board so announced today after a conference with spokesmen of the industry.

### WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, rain or snow in north portion tonight, Thursday warmer.

### FILLMORE FARM DORSETS

Exhibit Sweet Dorset Sheep at International Stock Show in Chicago.

Charles Bretell, superintendent of the Fillmore Farms, has returned from Chicago where he made a small exhibit of Dorset sheep at the international stock show. The exhibit from the farms consisted of but three sheep, one ram and two wethers, and all yearlings, but they won first prizes in every possible event.

The ram won first prize in the yearling class. It was then entered for the grand championship against rams of all ages and was a first prize winner. In the contest for the best muton yearling it was again a first prize winner.

The wethers won first and second in the class for yearling wethers. The winner in the class for ram lambs was also bred at Fillmore farms, but had been sold to another exhibitor.

### ONLY FORTY-FOUR OF NAVY VESSELS WERE DESTROYED

So Sec. Daniels Says in Supplementary Report

THREE LOST BY MINES

Naval Casualties Include 803 Dead, 130 Injured, 22 Missing and 9 Prisoners.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Only forty-four vessels of the navy, including army cargo transports manned by naval crews, were lost from the declaration of war, April 6, 1917, until hostilities ceased, November 11. And only twelve of those were destroyed by enemy submarines.

This is revealed by an appendix to the annual report of Secretary Daniels, made public today. Only three of the twelve ships torpedoed were war craft, the destroyer Jacob Jones, sunk December 6, 1917. It had a loss of 42 lives and the coast guard cutter Tampa, sunk September 6, 1918, with a loss of 112 lives, and the armed yacht Albatross, which carried down twenty-two men.

Three ships lost by mines included only one war craft, the armored cruiser San Diego, which went down off Fire Island, N. Y., last July 13, with a loss of fifty lives. This was the only loss of life on ships destroyed by mines, but a total of 678 men on torpedoed ships were drowned or killed by explosions. These included forty men on two ships, the transport Mr. Vernon and cargo carrier Westbridge, which were towed to port and repaired.

Fifteen ships, including the destroyers Chauncey and Shaw, the submarine F-1, four submarine chasers, the coast guard cutter Mohaw, the cruiser scout, the yacht Wakaia II and the patrol boat Tanager, were lost in collisions. The other vessels of the fifteen were cargo carriers. The total loss of life was 77.

Fourteen vessels, including the collector Cyclops, were given under the head of miscellaneous sinkings. These included three submarine chasers, two trawlers, two patrol boats, two yachts and two tugs, and the total loss of life was 246. The Cyclops was given in the list as "mysteriously disappeared." One of the patrol boats was sunk by German shore batteries, while one of the submarine chasers was "shelled by mistake." Two of the ships were destroyed by internal explosions.

A total of 151 American merchant vessels were lost between August 1914 and Nov. 11, 1918. Submarines accounted for 139 of these, mines five, and enemy raiders seven.

Naval casualties in the enlisted personnel from April 6, 1917, to last November 15, were 1,121, including 55 men of the United States steamship Scorpion interned at Constantinople. The summary shows:

Dead, 834; injured, 130; missing, 22; prisoners, 9; unaccounted for, 3; and in hospital, condition unknown, 19.

There were 351 casualties among the commissioned personnel, 36 officers were killed in actual combat with the enemy, 81 died of accident, collisions, etc., and 234 died of natural causes.

### TRANSPORTS WITH SOLDIERS ARRIVE

About Seven Thousand Troops Are Landed in United States Today.

From Overseas.

New York, Dec. 10.—Four days overdue, the American transport Calameros, carrying nearly fifteen hundred navy personnel, reached quarantine today. The transport, Guantanamo also arrived. The steamer Kron land docked, after spending the night down the bay, with seventeen hundred returning soldiers.

Other arrivals were the Tenadores with nine hundred troops and one hundred fifty civilians, including welfare workers; and the British Transport Ascania, with fifteen hundred troops.

The Canopic arrived at Boston with fifteen hundred soldiers mostly from the western states, who went to Camp Devens.

### CONFERENCE AGAINST HOLLAND

Antwerp Paper Prints Statement to This Effect.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 10.—Belgian claims that the peace conference will be directed not only against Germany but also against Holland according to an Antwerp newspaper which prints a statement to this effect by the Belgian foreign affairs minister.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to hereby express our sincere appreciation for the many kind persons given us during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Carl Natter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Natter.  
Miss Mary E. Natter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Comar.

### Card of Thanks

We hereby wish to thank the many friends and neighbors, especially Mrs. Harrington and family for their kind assistance during our recent bereavement. Also the employees of the Eagle Square Company for the beautiful flowers.

Ernest Harrington and family.

## LAWRENCE M'NEARY DEAD

Young Man Passed Away at Putnam Hospital Last Night.

Lawrence McNeary, aged 23, son of the late Charles McNeary of this village, died last night at the Putnam Memorial hospital of pneumonia developing from influenza.

The young man had been employed during the past three years at the farm of Philip Jacobs in the western section of the town. He had practically become a member of the family and because of his faithfulness, industry and honesty had made a place for himself that cannot be filled.

Other than a sister, Miss Abbie McNeary of Springfield, he leaves no near relatives. Miss McNeary is in such feeble health at the present time that she will be unable to attend the funeral which will be held from the Walbridge undertakings rooms at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

### ELEVEN DEAD OR MISSING

As Result of Explosion and Fire at Shawinigan Falls, P. Q.

Quebec, Dec. 9.—Four persons, including two women, are dead and seven others are missing as a result of an explosion and fire Saturday night in the plant of the Canadian Electric Products company at Shawinigan Falls.

Three hundred workers were in the plant when the explosion occurred in an outlying building where prussic acid was made.

### EX-KING OF SAXONY PENILESS

Entire Fortune Said to Have Been Sequestered.

Geneva, Dec. 9.—The entire fortunes of former King Frederick August of Saxony and his brother, Prince John George, have been placed under sequestration by the new Swiss government, according to Swiss newspapers. The properties and estates of the former Saxon royal family have been confiscated provisionally while payment of the civil list has been stopped.

### NAMES OF PUBLIC MEN USED

Judiciary Committee Propaganda Inquiry Shows Up German Methods.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the foreign relations committee, addressing the Senate regarding the mention of his name among the advocates of a munitions embargo in documents produced in the judiciary committee propaganda inquiry, said it was evident that the Germans had used the names of many public men recklessly if not falsely.

### TO JOIN PRESIDENT IN PARIS

Industrial Members of "War Cabinet" to Be Advisors.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Industrial members of the President's "war cabinet" which met at the White House Wednesday during the war will join the President as a unit in Paris and act as his advisors at the peace conference on economic industrial and reconstruction problems in Europe affecting the future peace of the world.

### LEFT SMALL ESTATE

Although as Head of Mormon Church He Controlled Millions.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 10.—Although he controlled millions of dollars while president of the Mormon church, Joseph Smith left an estate of less than \$70,000, it became known yesterday when petition for letters testamentary were filed. The will was not filed with the petition, but five executors were named, all sons of the deceased. Forty-seven heirs are mentioned in the will.

### LADIES' AND GENTS' TAILORING.

Just received a new line of materials for made-to-measure suits. Also have on hand a nice line of ready-to-wear suits and overcoats at reduced prices. Cleaning and pressing.

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### Christmas Gifts

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